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Threat Assessment Team

The mission of the Threat Assessment Team is to determine if an individual poses a threat of violence to self, others, or the Virginia Tech community and when appropriate to intervene to decrease the threat. The team supports students, employees, visitors, as well as non-affiliated persons to increase safety and security at Virginia Tech.

If you have any concerns about someone’s behavior, please contact one of the following offices to share your information:

Dean of Students Office 540-231-3787
Cook Counseling Center 540-231-6557
Virginia Tech Women’s Center 540-231-7806
Virginia Tech Police Department 540-231-6411

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Report violent, threatening, or suspicious behavior by calling 911. Provide as much information as possible and do not hang up until explicitly instructed to do so. Questions to expect include:

Where?
Where is the incident taking place? Where are you located? Where is the assailant?

Who?
What does the assailant(s) look like? Do you recognize the assailant? Do you know his/her name?

What?
What is the assailant carrying? What type of weapon(s) did you see? A handgun, rifle, or explosive? Was he or she carrying a backpack, bag, or carrying case? What did it look like? What did you hear before, during, and after the confrontation? Explosions? Gunshots?

How?
How is the assailant communicating? What language is being used? What threats or commands are being said?